

**REMARKS**

The Specification has been revised to amend the claim to priority already entered in this application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,

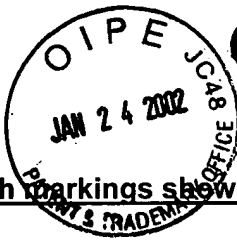


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This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/286,714, filed April 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,203,567, entitled SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/867,092, filed June 2, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,941,907, entitled SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS.

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